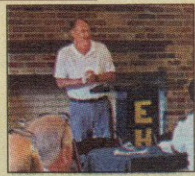


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Over 2,000 nationwide submissions; Elba project one of 100

Elba Theatre selected as 'Lowe's 100 Hometowns' project for stage repairs

In March of this year, qualified submissions to the 100 Hometowns, and the launch of 100 Hometowns, final projects span 36 states and help thousands of people from coast to coast, each of them with a unique story to tell.

A description on the Lowe's 100 Hometowns website noted the stage repair at the Elba Theatre is needed to allow it to "become a space truly usable for showcasing performing arts shows and events, making it the only venue of its kind in the community to do so."

This week, Justin Maddox of Elba's Restoration 154 group said the Elba Theatre renovation project had been selected as one of the 100 impact projects for stage repair inside the theatre.

There were over 2,200 events, making it the only venue of its kind in the community to do so.

Further, the description

noted the improvements to the theatre building would help improve revitalization efforts in the City of Elba and bring foot traffic back into a main part of the city — the downtown area.

The historic Elba Theatre is being renovated for use as a cultural arts center, part of a larger city revitalization effort to help restore the historic downtown. This project will touch several areas of need and will unite Lowe's Red Vests Associates with the theatre's non-profit volunteers and the general contractor for the job.

Maddox said Elba's courthouse square has struggled for years to recover after

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ELBA HIGH'S GOLF CHAMPS RECEIVE CHAMPIONSHIP RINGS...Elba High School's 2021 Alabama High School Athletic Association's Class 1A/2A State Golf champs received their championship rings in a ceremony held last Thursday evening, Aug. 26, at the Elba High School auditorium. It is tradition at Elba High School for members of any state championship team to receive the championship rings in honor of their accomplishments. Elba High School's golf coach Mark Wicker presented the rings to team members Peyton McCart, Paxton Wise, Collin Sauls, Carson Wise, and John Martin Wilson. In the photo, the team members react as they open and see their rings for the first time. Several community members were in attendance for this special ceremony.

Newest Habitat for Humanity home dedicated Sunday in Elba

Coffee County Habitat for Humanity held a dedication ceremony Sunday afternoon, Aug. 29, for the newest home constructed by Habitat in Elba. This is located at 529 Adkinson Street.

The recipient family for this new Habitat for Humanity home is LaShanda Flowers and her children LaDaren, MarQuez, MarShaun, and Malia.

As is custom with any Habitat for Humanity dedication, the ceremony opened with prayer and scripture readings. After that, a board member presented Flowers with a Bible to keep in her home as a reminder that the home is a gift from God and for the family to follow His Word as they enjoy their new home for years to come.

"Before us, in all we do, we hold the love of God as our model and calling," Coffee County Habitat for Humanity board member Shana Demby said. "We are grateful for the opportunity to be a part of this house, a gift from God."

Keys to the home were presented to Flowers from Eugene Goolsby, a Habitat for Humanity volunteer.

Flowers thanked all that had a part in making this day a reality for her family. Those in attendance for the dedication ceremony were invited to take a look around the new home.



Coffee County Habitat for Humanity volunteer Eugene Goolsby presents the keys to LaShanda Flowers last Sunday afternoon to her new home on Adkinson Street. Flowers and her four children will be residing in this new Habitat home. Three of her children are pictured above with Flowers as she accepts the keys from Goolsby.

After receiving insurance payment for wreck unit

Elba Council votes to purchase new ATV for fire department

During the Elba City Council meeting held Monday evening, Aug. 23, council members voted to purchase a new ATV for the fire department to replace the one that was stolen and wrecked a few months back.

To replace the ATV with the same model-type as the department had [at the time of the theft/wreck], Mayor Tom Maddox said the out-of-pocket cost for the city would be \$13,050. The total cost of this ATV is \$28,800.

"The cab version gives just gives you more protection," Parker said. Another thing taken into consideration by the council regarding the ATV was availability. Parker said Dowling Tractor had a Polaris Ranger Ultimate/Premium edition already on order. He said, if the city chose to purchase it, Dowling would mark it

as pre-sold, and the fire department could have it as early as 45 days from Aug. 23rd. However, he said any other ATV would have to be order as none currently are in stock, and that would put the department anywhere from 90-120 days out from having a new ATV available.

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NOTICE:

The Elba Clipper office will be closed Monday, Sept. 6, in observance of Labor Day. All advertising and news for next week's paper is due prior to noon on Tuesday, Sept. 7th.



TWO-VEHICLE WRECK AT ELBA INTERSECTION...Emergency personnel in Elba responded just after 11:30 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 29, to the scene of a two-vehicle wreck at the intersection of Alabama Hwy 203 [new U.S. Hwy. 84 four-lane] and Taylor Mill Road. The vehicle shown above reportedly was traveling on Hwy. 203 when another vehicle pulled into the oncoming traffic from Taylor Mill Road, thus causing the collision. All parties involved were shaken from the incident, but fortunately, there did not appear to be any significant injuries sustained.

Homecoming set for Sept. 17 for Elba

Elba High School will celebrate Homecoming Friday, Sept. 17, and the theme is "Beat the Bears Back in Time!"

On Thursday, Sept. 16, there will be a Pep Rally/Bonfire at Tiger Town Park in downtown Elba, at 7 p.m.

The Homecoming Queen Coronation will be held Friday, Sept. 17, at 9 a.m. followed by a pep rally at Tiger Stadium. Visitors for the coronation/pep rally will need to sit on the visitor's side of the stadium, wear masks, and social distance.

Elba High School will honor the Class of 1991 with a tea Friday at 1 p.m. in the Family and Consumer Science Department.

The Homecoming Parade line up will begin at 1:30 with the parade beginning at 3 p.m. Parade entries may be entered by contacting Martha Pope at Elba High School (897-2266).

The Homecoming Court will be presented Friday evening at 6:30 pm followed by the football game at 7 p.m.

Elba's 2011 State Football Championship team honored at game



Elba's 2011 State Football Championship Team 10 Year Anniversary

The Elba Quarterback Club hosted a "10-Year Celebration" last Friday, Aug. 27, for the Elba High School 2011 Class 2A State Football Championship Team. The day's activities had Coach Scott Rials speaking at the Quarterback Club 'game day' meeting — he was the head coach of the 2011 Elba team. The coaches and players were then special guests at the Elba High School Pep Rally that afternoon, and a tailgate gathering was held prior to the football game last Friday night. Prior to the game's kickoff, the coaches and team members released black and gold balloons in remembrance of two teammates no longer living. These two young men were Griffin Jones and Donta Rogers. At halftime, the 2011 State Champions took to the field and were recognized again for their many accomplishments from that year (as shown above). They received a standing ovation from the large Elba crowd. The team went 15-0 on the season to win the state championship for Class 2A, defeating Tanner in the championship game held at Bryant-Denny Stadium in Tuscaloosa, Ala.

(Photo by BCSports Photography)

Area Happenings

THE COFFEE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION will hold the first public hearing to present the system-wide budget for Fiscal Year 2022 on Thursday, Sept. 2, at 12 noon, during a special board meeting. The second public hearing will be held at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 2, during a regular board meeting. These meetings will be at the Coffee County Board of Education office, located on Reddoch Hill in Elba, Ala.

THE CITY OF ELBA OFFICES will be closed Monday, Sept. 6, in observance of Labor Day. For any utility emergency during this time, call the Elba Police Department at (334) 897-2555. The garbage truck will run its regular schedule for Monday.

THE COFFEE COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT BOARD MEETING will be Wednesday, Sept. 15, at 10 a.m., in the Coffee County Community Room, 1065 E. McKinnon Street, New Brockton, Ala. Limited seating is available so call 334-894-5581x3 if planning to attend.

EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

"If all the cars in the United States were placed end to end, it would probably be Labor Day weekend." – Doug Larson.

We read one comment last week about the fad of taking the horse wormer medicine Ivermectin for COVID. It is unclear to us if this animal wormer is taken as a cure or preventive, but to each his own. Anyway, a friend of ours described Ivermectin as "Today's version of snake oil salesmen." Another was amazed that the antivaccine group didn't trust the experts recommending the 'proven' vaccines but will believe some social media site - or someone - who says this horse wormer is the magic elixir for COVID!!

South Alabama dodged another bullet this past weekend when Hurricane Ida chose to hammer the New Orleans area again rather than turn a bit sharper and slam into our area. It is with a bit of guilt that we are happy to have missed the hurricane because that means some very non-deserving fellow Americans in other places are at this time in a state of suffering that will not go away soon. When you turn on your ac, flip on the lights or your kitchen stove, wash your hands or take a shower, etc., utter a pray on behalf of the many thousands who are completely without these services and may be without for weeks. If you have friends or relatives that are impacted by this storm, consider inviting them into your home for a while.

War keeps costing Americans! The pile of money that has been shoveled into that bottomless pit in the Middle East is hard for most of us to grasp. We handle our monthly bills with a relative understanding of old fashioned math and 2 plus 2 equals four. The term 'billions' rolls off our tongue but to relate those numbers to our pay checks just does not work. Worse than that is the lives lost in all these wars. We sighed a sigh of relief at the recent announcement of American soldiers were coming home . . . but alas it was a bit premature. The suicide bomber that exploded his/her bomb in that airport gate took the lives of another thirteen of America's best younger generation, along with over a 100 of the Afghan civilians trying desperately to get out of Afghanistan. Reading the names and ages of those thirteen we noted the majority were only twenty years old - they were just starting their lives. It is sad to lose a loved one at any age, but to us, young folks dying of any cause is more heart wrenching. They probably had grand plans for their future and so much to look forward to if they had lived.

Our third major disaster subject is wildfires in the West. The videos coming out of California and adjoining states are shocking. Hundreds of beautiful homes in normally placid settings are now only ashes and charred silhouettes of their once grandeur. Thankfully we have heard of no deaths from these fires this year, but the danger is a long way from being over.

All these disasters have taken a back seat to dozens of Elba residents (and the Elba schools) on this Tuesday morning as they woke to no running water! By midmorning it was decided that a lightning strike had knocked out the pump in one of the wells and outside experts were called in to help solve the problem. Hopefully by the time our readers are reading this column, all is again "well" with the well and a bunch of folks have a better appreciation for the luxury of 'on demand' running water in their homes.

Be safe, wear your mask, social distance, wash your hands AND get the shot(s) . . . please!

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Former Elba High School football coach Scott Rials was the guest speaker of the Friday, Aug. 27, Elba Quarterback Club "Game Day" lunch meeting. Rials was in Elba for the 10-Year Anniversary Celebration of the 2011 Class 2A State Football Championship - he was the head coach for that championship team. Rials shared many fond memories from his nine years as head football coach at Elba, including many special memories from that record breaking 2011 year. Current head football coach Marc Sieving told Rials he and his staff often speak of the 2011 team when they are trying to motivate today's Tigers. He said it was something special the things the 2011 team was able to accomplish in such a dominating fashion. Sieving said that is something Elba will continue to remember for years to come. Several of Rials players and coaches from the 2011 team were at the Quarterback Club meeting. He also was accompanied by his wife, Lisa, for the day's anniversary celebratory events. More than 50 people were in attendance for last week's Elba Quarterback Club meeting featuring Coach Rials. Rials now is the head football coach at Baldwin County High School in southwest Alabama - a Class 6A school for the Alabama High School Athletic Association.

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, between Tuesday, August 24, 2021, and Monday, August 30, 2021, conducted the following activity:

Tuesday, Aug. 24 - Intoxicated person reported at 990 Hwy 203 (8:12 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 739 Pinedale Dr (11:22 a.m.); Traffic accident reported at 145 Tiger Dr (12:46 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported on Hwy 87 (3:50 p.m.); Animal complaint reported at 820 Roosevelt Dr (4:34 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 315 Sawyer St (8:30 p.m.); Domestic complaint reported at 1282 Ann St (9:25 p.m.). There were five traffic stops recorded on this date resulting in two written warnings, two citations, and one advice given.

Wednesday, Aug. 25 - Report of shots fired in area of Pine Circle (12:14 a.m.); Debris in roadway reported on Taylor Mill Rd (4:48 a.m.); Suspicious person reported at 1023 Guyton St (5:59 a.m.); Runaway juvenile reported at 1036 Teresa St (8:14 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 344 Reddoch Hill Rd (9:35 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 418 Morrow Ave (11:58 a.m.); Suspicious person reported on Reynolds Ave (7:29 p.m.); Receiving stolen property reported at 804 Hwy 203 (8:36 p.m.); Suspicious person reported at 1212 Jones St (11:20 p.m.). There were two traffic stops recorded on this date resulting in one unfounded and one written warning issued.

Thursday, Aug. 26 - Criminal mischief reported at 1425 Martin Luther King Dr (6:21 a.m.); ATV complaint reported on Caroline St (1:02 p.m.); Animal complaint with impound reported at 1279 E Davis St (3:17 p.m.); Reckless driver reported on Hwy 84 (7:01 p.m.); Intoxicated person reported at 992 Hwy 203 Suite 1 (8:02 p.m.); Theft of services reported at 221 E Davis St (8:54 p.m.); Disturbance reported at 2732 Hickman Ave (10:38 p.m.). There was one traffic

stop recorded on this date resulting in advice given.

Friday, Aug. 27 - Suspicious vehicle reported at 1584 Caroline St (4:59 a.m.); Suspicious person reported at 793 N Claxton Ave (12:07 p.m.); Suspicious person reported on Reese Ave - an arrest was made (12:26 p.m.); Animal complaint with impound reported at 1260 County Rd 264 (2:20 p.m.); Harassment reported at 656 Reynolds Ave (10:23 p.m.). There were seven traffic stops recorded on this date resulting in two verbal warnings, three written warnings, and two citations issued.

Saturday, Aug. 28 - Traffic accident reported on Reese Ave (11:51 a.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 1055 N Claxton Ave - an arrest was made (12:34 p.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported at 990 Hwy 203 (9:36 p.m.); Unauthorized use of a motor vehicle reported at 1631 N Claxton Ave (10:28 p.m.); Suspicious person reported at 1161 Martin Luther King Dr (11:22 p.m.). No traffic stops recorded on this date.

Sunday, Aug. 29 - Traffic accident reported at 2011 E Hickman Ave (8:50 a.m.); Suspicious person reported at 595 Collier Circle (9:42 a.m.); Traffic accident reported on Hwy 203 (11:32 a.m.); Domestic complaint reported at 1294 Ann St (6:21 p.m.); Burglary reported at 1550 County Rd 505 - an arrest was made (6:47 p.m.); Robbery reported at 154 Yelverton Ave (8:52 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 111 Factory Ave (11:15 p.m.). There were three traffic stops recorded on this date resulting in one written warning, and two verbal warnings.

Monday, Aug. 30 - Assault reported to Elba Police (12:25 a.m.); Trespassing reported at 640 Thomas St (4:51 p.m.). There were six traffic stops recorded on this date resulting in two citations, two reports, one written warning, and one assistance rendered.

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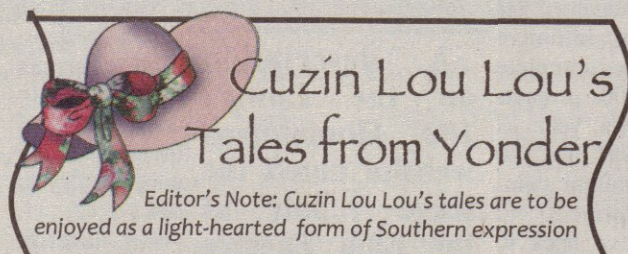
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Cuzin Lou Lou might be looking for a couch to borrow from some of her Yonder friends once this week's "Tales" reaches the readers. She's been "hard-timing" Papa and Sister pretty bad the past week or so, and the signs are showing up that those two might be ready to boot 'ole Lou Lou out the door for a day or two to give them some peace!

To Lou Lou's defense... she assures them she's just "keeping it real" with her observations. They don't seem to appreciate it, however.

It all really started one day last week when Papa accompanied Lou Lou to a doctor's appointment. He stayed in the vehicle while Lou Lou was inside the office - you know, COVID and stuff, - but he had gone along because Lou Lou eyes would be dilated at this appointment. The idea was to have Papa drive Lou Lou's car afterwards to keep her from trying to operate the vehicle with those dilated eyes.

However, after a short ride down the road, Lou Lou told him she thought she'd just come alone next year and driver herself home. She said it would probably be safer for all that way!

The icing on the cake was when Papa "ran off the road" at one point, and the noise from those pavement cut-outs on the right-of-way [the one put there to alert folks when they run off the road] was driving Lou Lou up the wall.

She told Papa to get back on the road! To which his response was, "I wish you'd quit yelling at me."

Lou Lou piped back with "I would if you'd quit running off the road!" He came back with, "I didn't run off the road!"

Lou Lou 'very kindly' told him the noise they were hearing was the road agreeing with her!!

Papa did better after that exchange, but he still did not admit to actually running off the road.

Fast forward to earlier this week, and Sister was on Lou Lou's hit list. It all began when the utilities bill for the month arrived. The \$100-plus increase on the bill was blamed on Sister because she "needs" it to be cool at night so she can sleep.

Lou Lou announced to Sister that she would be suffering this next month to make up the difference. Sister rebutted with that would be okay if Lou Lou was ready to deal with her crankiness for the entire month.

The thermostat has remained where Sister wants it...Lou Lou will just grit and pay that bill. No high utilities bill could outdo Sister's crankiness when she is not comfortable temperature-wise!

However, Lou Lou got back at Sister the next day when they awoke to discover the water was out due to lightning striking the well that services their home. Sister was beside herself with the idea of having to go to work without getting her morning shower, so, Lou Lou told her she was in luck. It was raining! She could grab her soap and go out back and take a "natural" shower!

Sister literally growled at Lou Lou for that one...It was at that moment that Lou Lou realized she just might be asking someone for a couch to sleep on if she did not give Sister and Papa a break from her jokes for a few days.

Only time will tell!
Until next time...God Bless and Keep Smiling!

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GLORIA J WASHBURN

Mrs. Gloria J Washburn, age 72, of Elba, Ala., died Friday, Aug. 20, 2021, at Medical Center Enterprise in Enterprise, Ala.

A Celebration of Life was held Saturday, Aug. 28, 2021, at 227 Dr. Roberts Drive in Elba. Hayes Funeral Home served the family.

Survivors include her husband: William L Washburn, Elba; sons: Brian Cox, Jason (Amber) Cox, and Tracy (Jennifer) Washburn; daughters: Mickie (Allen) Mowbray, and Mary (Roland) Rathell; 15 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

Plant City, Fla.; along with several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

REGINA ANGELA BLOEMKER KISNER

Ms. Regina Angela Bloemker Kisner, age 62, of Elba, Ala., died Wednesday, Aug. 25, 2021, at Mizell Memorial Hospital in Opp, Ala.

No formal services will be held locally. Hayes Funeral Home of Elba is serving the family.

Survivors include her daughters: Jessica (Andrew) Fisher, Frederick, Md.; Candice Donahoe, Rockville, Md.; son: Dennis Flannery (Brandy Klein), Frederick, Md.; sisters: Katherine (Bob) Haines, Christine (Gary) Lowe, Marian Bloemker (Bill Krasley), and Laurene Bloemker, all of Baltimore, Md.; 11 grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

WALLACE WILSON CLARK

Mr. Wallace Wilson Clark, age 69, a resident of Jack, Ala., died Saturday, Aug. 28, 2021, at his home due to complications of COVID-19.

Funeral services were held Monday, Aug. 30, 2021, from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba, Ala., with Rev. Mark Griffin officiating. Burial followed in the Hebron Baptist Church Cemetery under the direction of Hayes Funeral Home.

Wallace was preceded in death by his daughter, Kacy Clark; son, Wesley Clark; along with his parents, Vera and Wilson Foster Clark.

Survivors include his wife: June Clark, grand-

daughters: Claire Elizabeth Clark and Courtney Lee Clark, and nephew: Kenny (Brenda) Senn, all of Jack.

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being hit with a series of floods in the 1990s.

"The Elba Theatre is a major focal point on the square, and it is finally getting the attention it deserves with the help from Lowe's," he said. "This substantial grant will enable Restoration 154, which owns the theatre, to complete several major updates, including stage repairs, lighting, HVAC, sound booth and storage room construction, dressing rooms and more."

News Brief:

Elba Police arrested Zachery King, age 23, of Elba on Friday, Aug. 27, for a SORNA [Sex Offender Registration and

Notification Act] violation, possession of marijuana - second degree, tampering with physical evidence, and possession of drug paraphernalia [misdemeanor charge].

His bond amounts were \$15,000 for the SORNA violation, \$1,000 each for the marijuana and drug paraphernalia possession charges, and \$500 for the tampering with evidence charge. According to Coffee County Jail records, he was released on bond Monday afternoon, Aug. 30th.



Elba's Players of the Week recognized at the Aug. 27th Elba Quarterback Club "Game Day" meeting were: (back row) Collin Sauls, Carson Wise, Byron Burks, and Alvin Henderson. The players are pictured with Coach Marc Sieving (far right) and three of Elba's cheerleaders, also recognized during the meeting. The cheerleaders are Adalyn O'Neal, Zalie McKelvy, and Aimee Senn.

Players of the Week recognized at Elba Quarterback Club "game day" lunch meeting held Friday, Aug. 27

At the Elba Quarterback Club "Game Day" lunch meeting Friday, Aug. 27, Coach Marc Sieving recognized four players for their outstanding play in the Aug. 20th season opening win over Class 3A Daleville.

Collin Sauls was an offensive player of the week. Sieving said he had a really good game with some great blocks. He said coaches are always thankful to have a guy like Sauls at center where he consistently gets the ball where it needs to be and can still take care of business at the line too.

Also recognized for his offensive play from the Daleville game was ninth grader Alvin Henderson. Sieving said Henderson had six carries for 159 yards and two touchdowns. He also had a 27-yard receiving touchdown in the game.

The defensive player of the week for

the Tigers was Byron Burks. Sieving said Burks had 10 assists in the game, along with a third-down stop, four tackles, a pass break-up, and two tackles for a loss.

The special teams player of the week was Carson Wise. Sieving said Wise had three big tackles on kickoff that really helped the Tigers in the game. He noted that Wise also plays tight end on offense and corner on defense for Elba.

The Elba Quarterback Club holds its Game Day lunch meeting each Friday at the Elba Country Club. Lunch can be ordered from the club's kitchen.

Lunch begins at approximately 11:30 a.m., with the program starting around 12 noon.

Membership to the Elba Quarterback Club is \$25 per person or \$50 per family. Dues can be paid at the club meetings.

LILLIE (COMBEE) LASHLEY GALE

Mrs. Lillie (Combee) Lashley Gale, age 81, died Wednesday, Aug. 25, 2021, at Medical Center Enterprise.

She was born January 15, 1940.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Aug. 28, 2021, from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba, Ala., with Rev. Garry Winstead officiating. Burial followed in the Bethlehem Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery, Elba.

Lillie was preceded in death by her parents, Lonnie and Elsie Combee; spouses, Vergal Lashley and Dallas Gale; her daughter, Julia McDaniel Farmer; a brother, William Dennis Combee; and one sister, Freida Combee Massey.

Survivors include her daughter: Cynthia Lashley Haslett, Elba; grandchildren: Tiffany Crochiere (William), Atlanta, Ga.; Boyce Ryan Lashley, Elba; Dyeanna Fuller (Darrell), Prince George, Va.; Brenton McDaniel (Tiffany), Lakeland, Fla.; and Jacquelyn Carter (Tomas), Elba; great-grandchildren: Isaac (Taylor), Aubrey (Pharrell), Eric, Caleb, Titus, Kristin, Taylor, Dominic, Breanna, Camden, Madelyn, KC, Arreya; great great-granddaughter: Delilah; great great-grandson: Liam; two sisters: Faye McLure, Auburndale, Fla.; and Nancy Gibson (Bennie),



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Council members voted to move forward with purchasing the unit requested by the fire department.

City clerk Sally Bane and city attorney Bart Boothe were asked to look into whether or not ARP [American Rescue Plan] monies could be used for the out-of-pocket portion of the cost. If not, other funds from the city's budget would be utilized.

The check from the insurance company on the wrecked unit was for \$15,750, according to the mayor.

Chief Parker said there could be additional insurance monies to come in still as some accessory equipment on the ATV that had not been added to the policy would be covered too at a depreciated price. He said that meant the insurance funds would only go up to help with the overall cost of the new ATV.

All council members voted in favor of the purchase.

RWCC meeting set for Sept. 15

The Republican Women of Coffee County [RWCC] will meet Wednesday, Sept. 15, at 11 a.m., at the Enterprise Country Club.

The program will be a forum with the Alabama US Senate Republican primary candidates. The Republican primary election will take place on May 24. The winner of the primary will go on to run in the Nov. 8, 2022, general election.

The winner of that race will replace retiring Senator Richard Shelby, who has represented Alabama in the US Senate since 1987. Candidates Lynda

chase. Council member Bryan Grimes abstained from the vote due to a personal conflict.

Mayor Maddox told council members the city also had heard from the insurance company regarding the chamber building that was recently destroyed by fire. He said the amounts give were prior to content costs being added in to the payout amounts.

If the city chose to go with full replacement [to rebuild the building from ground up in the same spot and utilize as the chamber office], the insurance company would pay \$314,000. If the city chose to take actual cash value for the building rather than replacement, Maddox said the payout would be \$220,500 minus the \$1,000 deductible [city would get a check for \$219,500].

The mayor asked council members to consider authorizing the city clerk to sign the paperwork to accept the actual cash value loss for

set for Sept. 15. Blanchard, Katie Boyd Britt, Congressman Mo Brooks, and Jessica Taylor will be participating. Each candidate will be given time to discuss their platforms and then will answer questions from members and written questions from the floor.

Social time begins at 11 a.m. and an optional buffet opens at 11:20. The program begins at approximately 11:50. The public is invited to attend, but reservations are required to ensure adequate seating and food. Call Jan at 334-494-3763 or email: rwccreservations@gmail.com no later than Sept. 13th.

\$220,500 minus the \$1,000 deductible. He said if the city were to change its mind on this decision, it has 180 days from the fire to do so.

"We are looking at some other options now for the Chamber, but if we change our minds and want to go with full replacement, we can do so withing that 180-day timeframe," Maddox said. "We do have some properties around the square that we could utilize and get occupied with the Chamber office."

The council voted unanimously to allow the city clerk to sign the paperwork for actual cash value loss.

In other business, the council voted to appoint Greg Corder to the Elba Airport Authority, replacing the recently deceased J.R. Poole on the board.



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Many bereaved people find they must return to work before they are ready. This applies not only to those in the workforce, but to those who must return to social obligations, such as a volunteer position or church group, soon after a loss. If you must return to a work or social setting while you are still grieving, here are some tips:

If possible, ease yourself back in. If you have to go back and you aren't quite ready, see if you can arrange to transition back by doing some half days for a while or by working only a few days a week and giving yourself more down days.

Know your grief will still be there. Even if you feel like you are healing and work will be a welcome distraction, know your grief has not left you. You may be surprised at where and when your grief strikes.

Be gentle with others and expect a range of reactions. People may not be aware of your loss and if they are, they may not know exactly what to say.

Utilize the resources your workplace offers. Many Human Resources departments offer services such as counseling, assistance, and referrals. Don't hesitate to ask if you feel you need outside support.

Take care of yourself. As best as you can, get adequate sleep, eat well, and make time for exercise. Grief is hard work and some self-care can go along way.

Consider appointing an ambassador. It may be helpful to appoint someone to let others know your situation. They can answer questions on your behalf and let others know how you are feeling and if you would like to talk about your loss or not.

Create breaks in your schedule when possible. Give yourself some extra downtime in the day if possible. Try to avoid scheduling meetings back to back so you have breathing room.

Find a place to go when you need to be alone. Crying at work is no fun, but it's likely to happen. Try to find a place to go when you need some space, even if it's your car, the bathroom, or under your desk.

Most of all, do not be afraid to ask for help. More than likely, your friends and co-workers want to help, but they may not know the best way possible.

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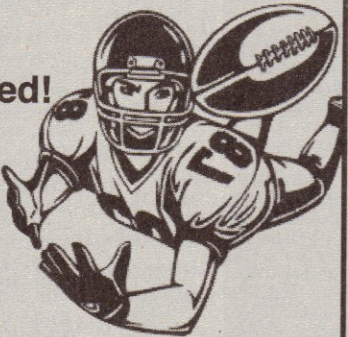
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CHURCH NEWS

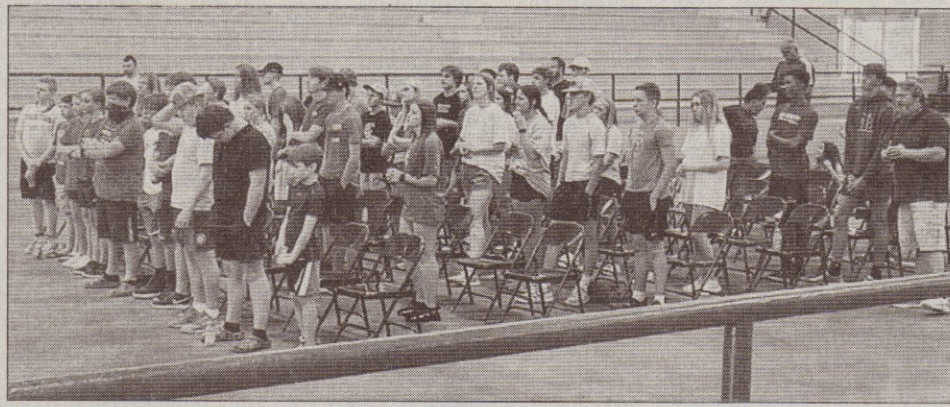


Elba group wins REPRESENT event belt

The Coffee County Baptist Association [CCBA] Youth Committee hosted its first REPRESENT event last Saturday afternoon, Aug. 28, at the Coffee County Farm Center in New Brockton, Ala.

REPRESENT event was promoted as a county-wide youth event designed to allow teenagers to see they are not doing the Christian walk alone.

CCBA youth committee chairperson Kit Johnson said teens grades 7-12 were the target audience, and they competed in games at the event to try and accumulate enough points to win the REPRESENT belt.



Some 60 teens from throughout Coffee County gathered for the REPRESENT event hosted last weekend by the Coffee County Baptist Association's youth committee.

He called the belt sort of a 'bragging rights' trophy for the teens to take back to their community as the winners of the REPRESENT

event. The event also included a music worship time led by Two or More, and Johnson, pastor of First Baptist Church Elba, was the speaker for REPRESENT event. There was free food, and door prizes were given away too.

"We wanted to appeal to the competitive nature of teenagers by offering various competitions," he said.

The teenagers representing Elba (shown above with their youth leaders) won the first REPRESENT event belt. This group was comprised mostly of teens from First Baptist and Westside Baptist churches of Elba.

Johnson said the first REPRESENT event was deemed a success as 60 teens from around the county participated. He also said dozens of volunteers were there to help serve and pre-

pare the food, and multiple churches assisted as well.

"We hope the next REPRESENT event will be the Iron Bowl on Saturday, Nov. 27th," Johnson said. "We would like to have this one at Elba's Foggy Bottom stadium with a tailgating theme."

Round and About With Eria's Daughter 897-3611



Scripture: The Way of Wisdom. Proverbs 9: 1-12

Thinking of You! Praying for You.

Ziyah E. Kelley, Mikaiyah Celeste Cason, Sevin Cyshawn Cason, Joe Rudolph, Anthony Kelley, Mavis Ernestine Kelley, Vincent Smith, Glen Gray, Lauren Rogers

September Birthdays / Anniversaries

Samantha Siler 9/1
Wiley and Juanita Brooks 9/1 W.A.
Oneather Smedley 9/1
Tracey Woods 9/2
Margaret Rowe 9/2
Winston Tyrone Kelley Jr. 9/3
Georgia Germany 9/5
Derrick (DJ) Belcher 9/5
Alene Robinson 9/5
Alex Wright 9/5
Joanne Smith Warrant 9/5 (in memory)
Richard Kyles 9/6
Iverson Kelley 9/7
Edwina Williams 9/9

been subject to by powerful males in their workplaces. The hurt and anger these women experienced became part of the #metoo movement. Women involved in the movement sought to hold men accountable for their own actions, not implicate all men unjustly for the misdeeds of some. Vulnerable people throughout history have been considered mere parts of various "kingdoms" over which those in power have exercised authority. Many of the powerful give in to the desire to possess whatever they see. Uncontrolled sexual desire (contrast Genesis 38: 15-18 with 39: 1-10 with 2 Samuel 11) and lust for land (1 King 21) are just two examples. Even though Jesus didn't fall for it, that hasn't discouraged the devil from using this chance to sin on humans. Reason: it works.

■ C.R.B.

Question/Answer Section
Week of 9/2/21 - Multiple Choice

Q: Who conspired against Ester and her people? (Ahasuerus) (Mordecai) (Haman)

A: Haman [Ester 7:6]

Q: Who will provide a new name for God's people? (gentiles) (kings) (the Lord)

A: the Lord [Isaiah 62:2]

Q: Which empire was to destroy Jerusalem? (Assyrian) (Babylonian) (Persian)

A: Babylonian [Jeremiah 21:10]

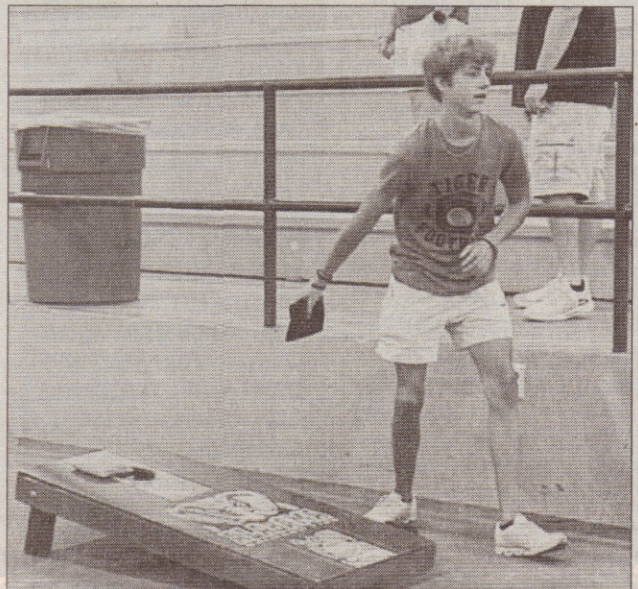
Thought to Remember
When we love, we obey

Questions for the Week of 9/9/21
Multiple Choice

Q: The author calls the daughter of Jerusalem to do what? (sing) (shout) (rejoice)

Q: Why was John the Baptist beheaded? (the way he dressed) (the food he ate) (the message he told to Herod)

Today is a good day! Be grateful.
Eria's Daughter, Sue



Elba's Trace Grantham plays cornhole at REPRESENT event trying to win points to help the Elba teens bring home the REPRESENT belt!

Harris Temple COGIC plans Tent Revival Crusade

The Young Adult Ministry, along with Senior Pastor Superintendent William K. Ellison, invites all to the 2021 Tent Revival Crusade at Harris Temple Church of God in Christ [747 Adams Street, Elba].

This Revival will take place Sept. 13th-18th, beginning at 7 p.m. on the grounds of Harris Temple COGIC.

Social distancing will be in place and all are invited to sit under the tent or remain in a car.

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IN HIM WAS LIFE AND THE LIGHT OF MEN ABUNDANT LIFE CHURCH Sam Self, Pastor Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.	COVENANT COMMUNITY CHURCH Paul Jackson, Pastor Sunday Fellowship... 9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship... 10:00 a.m. Wed. Night "Peak of the Week" and meal... 5:30 p.m. Bible Study & Prayer... 6:15 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.	DAMASCUS BAPTIST CHURCH Steve Watson, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:30 a.m. Wed. Night "Peak of the Week" and meal... 5:30 p.m. Bible Study & Prayer... 6:15 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.	FAIRVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:30 a.m. Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.	FAITH CHAPEL COMMUNITY CHURCH Phillip Adeock, Pastor Sunday Morning... 10:30 a.m. Sunday Evening... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet... 7:00 p.m.	1st ASSEMBLY OF GOD - KINSTON Danny Bradshaw, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Wed. Bible Study... 7:00 p.m.	FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH Scott Donaldson, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Worship... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.	FRIENDSHIP HOLINESS CHURCH Edward E. Drake, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Worship... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.	GODS POWER HOUSE EVANGELISTIC CHURCH Overseers - Billy Berry Sat. Service... 6:00 p.m. Sun. Service... 10:00 a.m. Even. Service... 4:00 p.m.	GRACE FELLOWSHIP John Curtis Isaacs, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.	GREAT NEW ZION BAPTIST CHURCH Jeremie Turner, Sr. Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.	HARRIS TEMPLE COGIC W. K. Ellison, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Wed. Service... 6:00 p.m.
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NOTICE TO FILE
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IN RE: The Estate of
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Case Number: PC 2021-063

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8/19, 26 & 9-2/pd

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CALVIN L. WILLIAMS
JUVENILE JUDGE
8-26 & 9-2,9 & 16 2021 pd

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claims should be filed within 30 days of the final publication of this notice. 9/2,9,16,23-chg

SPORTS NEWS

Views From
The Pressbox
By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Our grandson Lawson decided to sit out the Elba game Friday night and was happy with his decision as the game lasted over three hours on a muggy night at Elba High. He told me later in the weekend he would go to this week’s game, and I told him I would hold him to it, since he needs to be an Elba Tiger!

For what it is worth....

*** The Elba Tigers faced the ultimate gut check in the fourth quarter in last week’s wild 33-28 win over Opp as numerous players went down with cramps on almost every play and the Bobcats rallied to close within five points and had the ball on Elba’s side of the field with two minutes left on the clock. The Tigers were up to the challenge; however, and brought their fans to their feet as they refused to allow Opp to make a first down and then ran out the final seconds off the clock to claim the win in a game that lasted over three hours on a muggy night on rain soaked Mack Wood Field.

The Tigers appeared to be in command for much of the opening three quarters and carried a 33-14 lead into the fourth quarter as they combined a variety of running and passing plays to keep the Bobcats off-balance on defense. Elba had big plays both on the ground and in the air, with maybe the biggest play of the game being a jump pass on its first play of the second half that went for 55 yards and a Tiger touchdown. It was good to see the Tigers open up the playbook a little, and their success both running and passing should make them even more explosive as the season rolls along.

The Elba defense came up with a key fumble recovery and four pass interceptions during the game and the five turnovers obviously played a huge role in the Tigers success. The defense did struggle late in the game as cramps became contagious and the Elba players did their best to stay on the field, but all in all it was a winning performance on the defensive side of the ball and it was a true team win on a tough night at Tiger Stadium.

*** It was a successful week on the football field for both Kinston and New Brockton as both teams posted big home wins. The Bulldogs bounced back from last week’s disappointing loss to post a 20-12 win over cross-county rival Zion Chapel as 6’5” quarterback Cale Sumblin got his long legs loosened up and rambled up and down the field to lead the ‘Dogs to the win, while the Gamecocks made it look easy against suddenly average Georgiana as they punished the once proud Panthers 40-8 in a game that wasn’t even as close as the lopsided score might make one think. Zion Chapel dropped its opener to Kinston, but the Rebels never quit battling after falling behind big in the first half, and fought until the final horn only to see a couple of scoring chances not pay off. The season has now kicked off for the teams in the county and it still looks like an interesting season ahead for the fans.

*** It wasn’t the best of weeks for teams ranked in the state high school football poll as losses mounted in almost every classification. In Class 1A, #4 Linden, #8 Cedar Bluff and #9 Decatur Heritage all lost, while in the 2A ranks it was even worse as #1 Lanett, #2 Abbeville, #4 Clarke County, #5 North Sand Mountain, and #10 Falkville all came out on the short end of the scoreboard. In Class 3A, #4 Montgomery Academy, #8 Hillcrest Evergreen and #9 Opp all dropped their week two contests, and up in Class 4A #3 Williamson, #4 Jacksonville and #9 Mobile Christian all lost. In Class 5A it was #4 St. Paul’s and #7 Andalusia biting the dust, and in the 6A ranks #6 Opelika and #7 Eufaula both came up short. All the coaches across the state will tell you the rankings really mean nothing except to the fans, and this year that is obvious.

*** It was an interesting week across the area with a number of upsets, a couple of blowouts and a bunch of very competitive games. In games with local interest, McKenzie outscored Marengo 41-24 to remain ranked in the 1A ranks, Abbeville was upset by 5A Headland 13-6 and found out that last season’s success means nothing

season, Charles Henderson’s new coach saw his team get spanked 50-0 by Montgomery Catholic and found out first hand why so many coaches before him turned down the job, Slocomb fell to 4A Geneva 14-7 and found out it was time to get back to work after a successful season a year ago, Andalusia’s second straight trip to the gulf coast wasn’t very pleasant as the Bulldogs were blanked by Fairhope 28-0, Eufaula had twenty players out due to quarantine and was no match for Central of Phenix City in a 33-0 defeat, Enterprise struggled a bit in a lackluster 28-12 win over Montgomery Carver, Geneva County showed it may be better than expected with a big 33-14 win over a solid Wicksburg Panthers team, Arifton jumped out to a 36-0 first quarter lead and rolled to a 49-0 win over suddenly hapless Goshen, Cottonwood grabbed a big early-season win as the Bears surprised Samson 28-14, Dale County made it look easy with a lopsided 55-18 win over youthful Daleville, Houston County improved to 2-0 with a surprising 21-12 win over Florala, Dothan opened the season with a hard fought 14-7 win over a not so good team from Park Crossing, Highland Home was short-handed on the field and came up short on the scoreboard as well in a 47-6 loss to Alabama Christian, and Straughn picked up its second straight win over an outmatched opponent as the Tigers clobbered Red Level 38-2.

*** Ye Ole Polish Prognosticator was laughing that he had to stay up way past his usual bedtime Friday night watching Elba survive against Opp, but did make sure I remembered that he missed his prediction of the final score by only one point. The local guesspert hit on 16 of his 22 picks last week and is off to a good start again this season. Here is this week’s fearless forecast....

ELBA VS. G.W. LONG

The Pea River felines may be more than a little sore this week after a punishing win over Opp in a game that resulted in numerous players having to be helped off the field. The felines haven’t had much luck in recent years against the troops from over in Skipperville, but if they can rest up a little during the week and enter the game ready to run this year could be a different story.

ELBA 36 G.W. LONG 35

KINSTON VS. BRANTLEY

The bulldogs from down near the county line will make

the trip across the river this weekend, but won’t get to enjoy fishing since they are scheduled to meet the top-ranked ‘Dogs from up in Crenshaw County on the football field. The local bulldogs will give it their best shot, but will come up more than just a little short.

BRANTLEY 40 KINSTON 7

NEW BROCKTON VS. OPP

The roosters from over near the bypass have been making a lot of noise in recent week with their crowing after wins, and despite what many may think have plans to do more of the same this weekend. A litter of shirt-tailed kitties are expected to arrive sometime late Friday afternoon, and the guess here is it may a little quieter than usual for the folks near the coop.

OPP 38 NEW BROCKTON 13

ZION CHAPEL VS. ABBEVILLE

The troops from up at Fort Jack will be back on maneuvers this weekend and have a hike planned for Henry County. The troops have been working hard and plan on making the trip one to remember. However, they will have to dodge a nest of yellow jackets if they are to even have a chance. Ouch!

ABBEVILLE 33 ZION CHAPEL 13

OTHER PICKS:

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In region opener

Tigers brace for Rebel invasion

The Elba Tigers will be looking to claim their third straight win on Friday night when they host the G.W. Long Rebels, in their region opener, at Mack Wood Field.

The two region rivals are tied at 3-3 in their brief series history, but G.W. Long has won the last two meetings, including a wild 41-34 win last season.

“We know what kind of team G.W. Long will bring over here Friday night and know we will have our hands full,” stated Elba Tiger head coach Marc Sieving. “They are a heavy favorite to win the region and make a run for state title, and with seven starters back on both sides of the ball certainly have

the experience and talent to do just that.”

G.W. Long, which will be playing its first game of the young season, has posted a 19-5 record the past two seasons, and this year will be led by new head coach David Watts. The Rebels averaged 33 points a game and allowed only 14 points a game last season, and return seven starters on both offense and defense.

The Rebels offense will be led in the backfield by quarterback Kobie Stringer and a pair of senior running backs in Trevor Morris and Jackson Chancey, while up front hey return three senior starters in Cameron Langford, Brantley Roland and Mikey McCraney.

Area teams prepare to enter region wars

“Long has one of the top quarterbacks in the area in Stringer and he is a dual threat quarterback with all the skills needed to be successful,” added Sieving. “Their running backs run hard and have good speed, their line is very physical and fundamentally sound and their receivers run good routes and catch the ball. On offense they are a threat every time they get their hands on the ball. Their defense has seven starters back and really like to hit folks. They run to the ball with an aggression and are solid in all areas. This is simply a very talented and well coached football team that will come over here Friday night expecting to win the football game.”

“We have to be ready to play four quarters and keep our players on the field,” said Sieving. “Last week we got in trouble in the fourth quarter because we had players on the sidelines with cramps that needed to be in the game. We have researched the problem and will work to make sure we are properly hydrated and that will hopefully help cut down on cramping. We did a lot of running all summer and still run during the week. The cramping wasn’t because we were out of shape, it was because our players stay on the field and on a hot and muggy night don’t get the chance to get fluids. We have to minimize the problem and keep our guys on the field.”

Brantley sits at #1 in 1A, Elba 8th in 2A ranks in state high school football poll

The Alabama Sports Writers Association has released its first high school football poll of the regular season with four new teams claiming the top spot in their respective classifications.

The ‘Top 2’ teams in each class, along with area teams in the poll, are as follows:

Class 7A – 1. Thompson 2. Hoover (9) Enterprise;
Class 6A – 1. Spanish Fort 2. Clay-Chalkville (7) Eufaula; Class 5A – 1. Pike Road 2. Pleasant Grove (7) Andalusia; Class 4A – 1. Gordo 2. Handley; Class 3A – 1. Fyffe 2. Piedmont (5) Slocomb (9) Opp; Class 2A – 1. Lanett 2. Abbeville (6) Geneva County (8) Elba; Class 1A – 1. Brantley 2. Sweet Water (7) McKenzie.

opener 20-12 last week to 1A Kinston.

Opp at New Brockton

The New Brockton Gamecocks will out their perfect 2-0 record on the line Friday night when they host the Opp Bobcats, in the region opener for both squad.

Opp holds a 1-0 series edge, having won the only meeting between the

region rivals last year by a score of 43-16.

New Brockton will carry a two-game winning streak into the clash after posting season opening wins over 2A Cottonwood 33-14 and 1A Georgiana 40-8, while Opp will ether the contest with a 1-1 slate, having a forfeit win over 4A Geneva and a 33-28 loss to 2A Elba on its schedule.

Brantley wins two out of three games over Kinston in recreation youth football opener

The Kinston and Brantley youth football teams opened the 2021 season last Saturday night, Aug. 28, in Kinston.

All three games were low-scoring contests with the Brantley Tiny Mites and Brantley PeeWee teams claiming wins while the Kinston Termites got the win. The Tiny Mites game

ended with a final score of 14-12 in favor of Brantley. The Termites game ended with a final score of 8-0 in favor of Kinston.

The PeeWee game was tied at 8-8 at the end of four quarters, and overtime was needed to decide the winner. Brantley came out on top 16-8 in this exciting overtime thriller.

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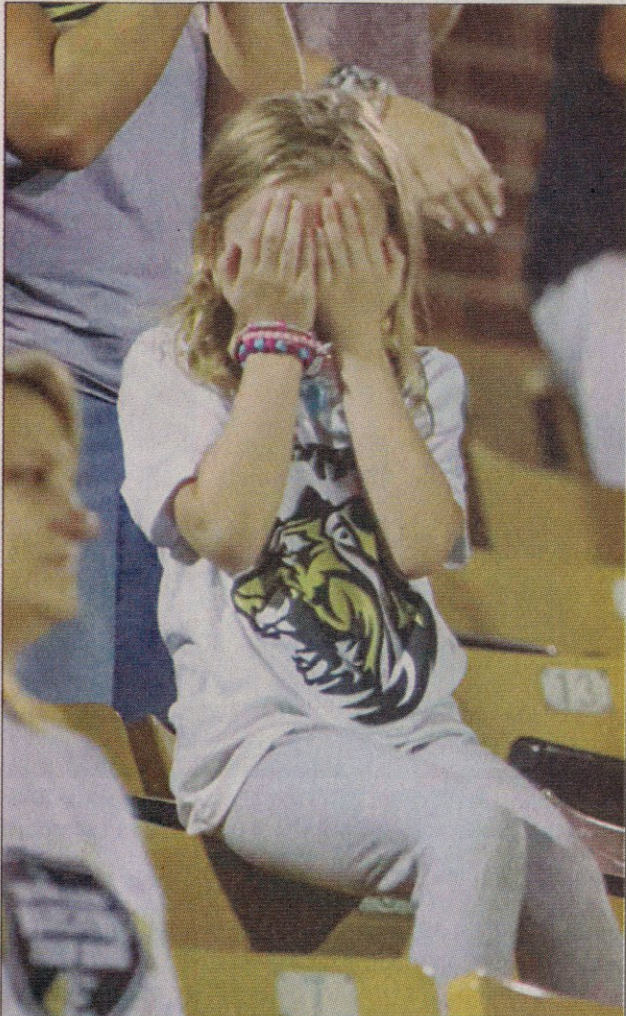
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SPORTS NEWS



IS IT OVER YET? A youthful Elba Tiger fan can't watch in the closing minutes of the fourth quarter in last week's 33-28 win over Opp.



Elba Tiger Collin Sauls (65) gets a much needed break during a time out in last week's three-hour marathon 33-28 win over Opp. Also taking advantage of the break is teammate Ty Sieving (5).



Elba Marching Tiger danceline performer Keelie Moseley helps wow the large Elba crowd at last week's home opener against Opp.

Tigers hold on late to skin Bobcats 33-28

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor
Photos by BC Sports Photography

The Elba Tigers pulled out to a 19-point third quarter lead and then turned back a furious fourth quarter rally to knock off the Opp Bobcats 33-28, Friday night in front a large and loud crowd at Tiger Stadium.

Elba failed to move the chains on its initial possession of the night, but regained possession on a pass interception by David Agosto near midfield and promptly went 53 yards in four plays to get on the scoreboard. A 20-yard run by JT Coleman moved the Tigers to a first down at the Opp 27, and on the next play Alvin Henderson got the call and raced 27 yards for a touchdown. Alex Wisecup added the extra-point, and with 4:33 left in the first quarter the Tigers were on top 7-0.

Opp wasn't down for long; however, as on the Bobcats next play from scrimmage Gray Jennings lofted a deep pass to Zacchaeus Lindsey that covered 77 yards and put the Bobcats on the board. Jackson Pierce booted the extra-point as Opp pulled even at 7-7 with 4:23 remaining in the quarter.

Elba didn't need a play from scrimmage to regain the lead as on the ensuing kickoff Chrystyle Caldwell fielded the kick in full stride, ran over an Opp defender at the Elba 25-yardline, and rambled 83 yards for a Tiger touchdown. A low snap foiled the extra-point try, but with 4:09 left in the quarter the Tigers were back in front 13-7.

Elba began its next offensive series at its own 20-yardline after a pass interception by Trent Hamilton and marched 80 yards in five plays to stretch its lead. A 43-yard pass completion from Brayden Johnson to Peyton McCart was a key play in the long scoring drive, while the score came on a 16-yard dash by Alvin Henderson. The extra-point try failed. However, with 11:13 left in the second quarter the Tigers lead was up to 19-7.

Opp partially blocked an Elba punt midway through the quarter at the Tigers 31-yardline and quickly cashed in the short field to get back into the endzone. The Bobcat score came on a 27-yard pass from Jennings to Lindsey, and Pierce added the extra-point to pull Opp within 19-14 with 6:34 left in the quarter.

Opp threatened again after recovering an Elba fumble near midfield and reached a first and goal inside the Tigers 10-yardline, but the Tiger defense stiffened and the Bobcats came away empty-handed when on fourth down Elba's Chrystyle Caldwell broke through to block a 21-yard field goal attempt.

Elba's Elijahandro Gomez recovered an Opp fumble on the Bobcats first play of the second half near midfield and from there it took the Tigers only one play to extend their lead as on first down Brayden Johnson lofted a jump pass to Byron Burks, and the speedy Elba receiver outran the Bobcat secondary 55 yards for a Tiger touchdown. A two-point run failed to produce points, but with 11:31 remaining in the third quarter the Tigers lead was up to 25-14.

Elba regained possession at its own 36-yardline after an Opp punt and promptly went 64 yards in just three plays to get back into the endzone. A 52-yard pass from Brayden Johnson to Carson Wise was a key play in the quick scoring drive, while the score came on a 10-yard touchdown run by JT Coleman. Johnson ran in the two-point conversion, and with 8:44 remaining in the quarter the Tigers were on top 33-14.

Opp failed to cross the midfield stripe on its next two offensive series, but began a possession near midfield late in the quarter and went 52 yards in six plays to cut into the Elba advantage. Terry Davis rushed for 35 yards on five carries to lead the Bobcats down the field, while Gray Jennings scored the touchdown on a 9-yard scramble. Pierce added the extra-point, and with 11:48 left in the fourth quarter the Bobcats were within 33-21.

Opp turned the ball over on its next series, but regained possession near midfield after an Elba punt and went 55 yards in five plays to get back in the endzone. Terry Davis capped the short scoring drive with a 20-yard touchdown run up the middle, and when Pierce added the extra-point the Bobcats were within 33-28 with 4:16 left on the clock.

Opp got the ball back at the Elba 44-yardline with 2:08 remaining and needed a score to complete the fourth quarter comeback, but Chrystyle Caldwell and the Tiger defense rose to the challenge, and when a fourth down pass fell incomplete the Tigers had survived to claim the wild 33-28 win.

Brayden Johnson completed 5 of 7 passes for 168 yards and one touchdown to lead the Elba offense, while JT Coleman led the Tigers on the ground with 12 carries for 66 yards and one td, and Alvin Henderson added 54 yards and two td's on 8 carries. Byron Burks pulled in two passes for 56 yards and one td to lead the Elba receivers. The Tiger defense was paced by Chrystyle Caldwell with 6 tackles and a blocked field goal, while Trent Hamilton had 6 stops and a pass interception, Roland Safford had 5 tackles, and Kimdarius Hill, JT Coleman and David Agosto all ha interceptions.

Terry Davis rushed for 176 yards and one td on 22 yards to lead Opp on the ground, while Gray Jennings completed 9 of 26 passes for 176 yards and two td's, with Zacchaeus Lindsey pulling in both Bobcat tosses.



Elba Tiger Byron Burks (2) celebrates after scoring a touchdown in last week's exciting 33-28 win over the Opp Bobcats.



Elba Tiger Alvin Henderson (6) crosses the goalline as Tiger teammate Peyton McCart (1) signals touchdown.



Elba Tiger Trent Hamilton (21) gets congratulations from Tiger teammate Whit Shehee (68) after interception a Bobcat pass.

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SPORTS NEWS

Gamecocks punish Panthers 40-8

Statistics by Brandon Speedy White

Photos by Greg Brunson

The New Brockton Gamecocks claimed their second win of the young season Friday night with a convincing 40-8 win over the Georgiana Panthers, at Gamecock Stadium.

New Brockton began its first offensive series near midfield and quickly cashed in the good field advantage to take an early lead. Kaden Cupp rushed for 14 yards on two carries to help lead the Gamecocks down the field, while the score came on a 34-yard touchdown toss from Cupp to Gabe Herrington. Jacob Bustamante kicked the extra-point, and with 10:08 left in the opening quarter the Gamecocks were already on top 7-0.

The Gamecocks put the ball in play at the Georgiana 41-yardline after a short punt and needed five plays to cover the distance to the endzone. Kaden Cupp capped the scoring drive with a 24-yard touchdown dash, and Bustamante added the extra-point as New Brockton's lead grew to 14-0 with 1:13 remaining in the quarter.

New Brockton recovered an on-sides kick to get the ball right back at the Georgiana 38-yardline, and overcame a holding penalty to again reach paydirt. An 18-yard pass from Cupp to Tre Boland was a key play in the eight-play scoring drive, while Jamarcus Brown capped the drive



New Brockton Gamecock Jordan Tacey (1) dives for extra yardage in last week's 40-8 win over Georgiana. The win upped the Gamecocks record to 2-0 on the young season.

with a 5-yard scoring run. The extra-point try failed, but with 9:14 left in the second quarter the Gamecocks owned a 20-0 lead.

New Brockton began its initial series of the third quarter at its own 30-yardline after a defensive stand and needed only three plays to cover the 70 yards to the endzone. The touchdown came on a 59-yard scamper by Kaden Cupp, and while the extra-point try failed, the Gamecocks were on top 26-0 with 8:11 remaining in the quarter.

The Gamecocks next possession started at their own 36-yardline after a Panthers punt and New Brockton once again

wasted little time heading back downfield. A 12-yard run by Drew Cashin was a big play in the long scoring drive, while Jamarcus Brown rushed for 38 yards on three carries and capped the drive with a 15-yard touchdown run. Bustamante added the extra-point and with 1:30 remaining in the third quarter the Gamecocks lead had grown to 33-0.

Georgiana avoided a shutout on its ensuing possession and got on the scoreboard with 10:22 left in the fourth quarter. However, the Gamecocks had an answer for the Panther score and on their ensuing possession went 59 yards in five plays to score the final points of

the night. Gabe Herrington scored the touchdown on a 10-yard gallop, and Bustamante again kicked the extra-point to give the Gamecocks the 40-8 win.

Kaden Cupp rushed for 152 yards and two touchdowns on 16 carries and completed 5 of 9 passes for 63 yards and one td to lead the New Brockton offense, while Drew Cashin rushed for 84 yards and one td on 8 carries and Jamarcus Brown added 84 yards and 2 td's on 15 carries. The Gamecock defense was led by Drew Cashin with 4 tackles, including two tackles for losses, while Damarion Holt also had 4 stops and Karyus McNabb and Jordan Tacey both had 3 stops.



New Brockton Gamecock Kaden Cupp (18) heads upfield for a big gain. Cupp rushed for 152 yards and two touchdowns and passed for 63 yards and one td in last week's 40-8 win over Georgiana.



New Brockton cheerleader is all smiles as the Gamecocks roll to a lopsided 40-8 win over Georgiana in week #2 action.

Kinston varsity volleyball team remains undefeated with big wins over Opp and Zion Chapel

On Tuesday, Aug. 24, the Kinston Lady Bulldogs traveled to Opp for a volleyball match against the Lady Bobcats. The Junior High, Junior Varsity, and Varsity squads all saw action.

Both the Junior High and Junior Varsity teams fell to Opp in the match, but the Varsity team added another win to the season.

Kinston's Junior High team fell in two sets, 15-25 and 16-25. Highlights for the Lady Bulldogs included eight passes from Taylor McKinney, two hits and seven serves from Lilli Sumblin, two hits from Brynne Kelley, and six sets from Chloe Phillips.

Kinston's JV team fell in three sets, 25-22, 15-25, and 11-15. Highlights for the Lady 'Dawgs included 21 passes from KcKinley Gibson, nine hits and two kills from Madison Lolley, along with 23 assists and 13 serves with 3 aces from Cameron Whigham.

The Varsity Lady 'Dawgs won over Opp in three sets, 25-15, 25-12, and 25-8. Match highlights for Kinston included 24 passes from Claire McReynolds, 19 hits and 13 kills from Faith Peters, 17 assist from Blair Wyrosdick, and five aces on 19 serves from Sydney Smith.

On Thursday, Aug. 26, the Kinston Lady Bulldogs hosted the Zion Chapel Lady Rebels. On this day, all three Kinston teams added a win to their record.

In the Junior High match, Kinston won in two sets, 25-13 and 25-5, to move to 1-3 overall on the season. Highlights included seven assists, 15 passes and 16

serves from Lilli Sumblin, and three hits from Brynne Kelley.

The Junior Varsity team for Kinston upped its record to 2-1 on the season winning in two sets over Zion Chapel, 25-17 and 25-7. Match highlights included 16 assists and 12 passes from Baylee Smith, five hits and two kills from Cameran Whigham, and five aces on 12 serves from McKinley Gibson.

The Kinston Varsity team remained undefeated on the season (8-0) with the win over Zion Chapel. Kinston won in three straight sets, 25-11, 25-2, and 25-10.

Team highlights from this match included seven blocks and 16 hits from Faith Peters, seven assists from Blair Wyrosdick, and 17 aces on 45 serves from Sydney Smith. Smith also had 12 passes in the match.

The Kinston Bulldogs opened up a 20-6 halftime advantage and then turned things over to the defense in the second half in an exciting 20-12 win over the Zion Chapel Rebels, Friday night at Bulldog Stadium.

Zion Chapel received the game's opening kickoff and wasted little time getting on the scoreboard as the Rebels went 66 yards in nine plays to grab an early lead. Mason Stuart rushed for 16 yards on three carries to help lead the Rebels down the field, while Morgan Sanders rushed for 22 yards on four carries and scored the Rebels touchdown on a 3-yard run. The extra-point try failed, but with 8:18 left in the first quarter Zion Chapel was already on top 6-0.

Kinston began its initial possession of the night at midfield and needed 11 plays to reach the endzone to answer the early Zion Chapel score. Blake Senn had a key 13-yard run on third down to keep the drive alive early, while Cale Sumblin rushed for 36 yards on six carries and scored the Bulldog touchdown on an 8-yard run. John Free added the extra-point as the Bulldogs went on top 7-6 with 2:00 remaining in the quarter.

Kinston regained



Kinston Bulldog quarterback Cale Sumblin (17) rushed for 154 yards and 2 td's in last week's 20-12 win over Zion Chapel.

possession on the ensuing kickoff on a fumble recovery by Dalton Smith, and the Bulldogs cashed in the turnover as they went 35 yards in seven plays to reach paydirt. Cale Sumblin scored his second touchdown of the game on a 7-yard scamper, and while the extra-point attempt failed, Kinston

owned a 13-6 lead with 10:19 remaining in the second quarter.

Kinston's defense turned back a Zion Chapel scoring threat on the Rebels ensuing possession at the Bulldog 24-yardline, and from there the Bulldog offense went back to work and needed only three plays to cover the 76 yards to the endzone.



Kinston Bulldog cheerleaders had plenty to cheer about in last week's 20-12 win.

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VOLLEYBALL SCHEDULE

- Thursday, Sept. 2
- New Brockton at Wicksburg
- Ariton at Zion Chapel
- Tuesday, Sept. 7
- Ariton at Elba
- Andalusia at Kinston
- Zion Chapel at Samson
- Brantley at Barbour County
- Thursday, Sept. 9
- Red Level at Elba
- Pike County at New Brockton
- Opp at Kinston
- G.W. Long at Zion Chapel
- Brantley at Highland Home